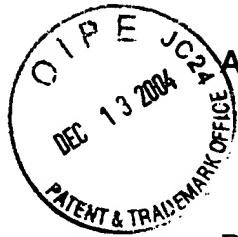


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Grimsley et al. reference is correctly presented on the Form 1449 submitted March 26, 1998, Sheet 1 of 2, Reference A64. In the issued patent, line 3 of the reference should read "217" rather than "21.7". A copy is attached for the convenience of the office.

The Claim 4 amendment is described correctly on page 2, under "Listing of Claims" in the Amendment filed July 8, 2004. The Amendment was acknowledged and accepted by Examiner as indicated in the Notice of Allowability mailed August 18, 2004. In the issued patent, column 26, line 22, the word "make" should read "maize", column 26, line 24, the word "PHJ9" should read "PHJ90", and column 26, line 29, there should be a comma after the word *Agrobacterium*. Copies of both documents are attached for the convenience of the office.

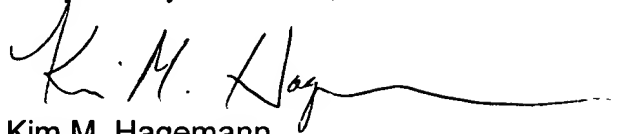
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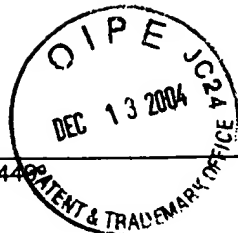
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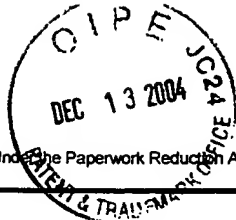
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In response to the Office Action of April 8, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-89. (Cancelled)

90. (Currently Amended) A stably transformed PHN46 or PHJ90 inbred maize plant wherein said PHN46 or PHJ90 inbred maize plant has been transformed by contacting an immature embryo with *Agrobacterium* comprising a nucleic acid of interest, ~~and wherein the inbred maize plant is an inbred line other than A188.~~

91. (Previously Presented) A transgenic seed produced by the plant of claim 90.

92. (Currently Amended) A transformed PHN46 or PHJ90 maize cell produced by a method comprising the steps of: a) contacting at least one immature embryo from a PHN46 or PHJ90 maize plant with *Agrobacterium* capable of transferring at least one gene to the embryo; b) co-cultivating the embryo with *Agrobacterium*; c) culturing the embryo in a medium comprising N6 salts, an antibiotic at concentrations capable of inhibiting the growth of *Agrobacterium*, and a selective agent to select for embryos expressing the gene.

93-94. (Cancelled)

95. (Currently Amended) A transformed PHN46 or PHJ90 maize cell produced by a method comprising the steps of: a) contacting at least one immature embryo from a PHN46 or PHJ90 maize plant with Agrobacterium capable of transferring at least one gene to the embryo; b) co-cultivating the embryo with Agrobacterium; c) culturing the embryo in a medium comprising salts other than MS salts, an antibiotic at concentrations capable of inhibiting the growth of Agrobacterium, and a selective agent to select for embryos expressing the gene.

96-97. (Cancelled)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner rejects claims 94 and 97 under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention and for the inclusion of new matter.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's new matter rejection but have cancelled Claims 94 and 97 in order to expedite prosecution.

The Examiner rejects claims 90-93 and 95-96 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, "because the specification, while being enabling for claims limited to Agrobacterium-mediated transformed maize inbreds PHJ90, PHN46, and PHP28(38) prepared by the disclosed method, does not reasonably provide enablement for claims broadly drawn to any Agrobacterium-mediated transformed maize inbred which is not A188." The Examiner invited the Applicant to submit a declaration to support the assertion that the three inbreds belong to different heterotic groups, and to explain why an assignment to different heterotic groups is an indication of genetic diversity.

Applicants traverse but have amended Claims 90, 92 and 95; and cancelled Claims 93 and 96 in order to expedite prosecution.

The Examiner rejects claims 90-93 and 95-96 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Goldman et al. (U.S. Patent 5,177,010). The Examiner rejects claims 90-93 and 95-96 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Goldman et al. (U.S. Patent 6,020,539). The Examiner maintains that the particular explant used for inoculation with Agrobacterium, in order to make the claimed Agrobacterium-transformed maize plants (which would inherently contain at least one 25 base-pair T-DNA border sequence), would not confer a patentable distinction to the resultant Agrobacterium-transformed maize plant.

Applicants traverse but have amended Claims 90, 92 and 93 and cancelled Claims 93 and 96 in order to expedite prosecution.

The Examiner rejects claims 92 and 95 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as anticipated by Ishida et al. (Nature Biotech. 14:745-750, 1996).

Applicants traverse the rejection but have amended the claims in order to expedite prosecution.

The Examiner rejects claims 92 and 95 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gould et al.

Applicants traverse the rejection but have amended the claims in order to expedite prosecution.

The Examiner rejects claims 90, 92-93 and 95-96 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by and under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over each of Schlappi et al., Grimsley et al. (1988), and Ritchie et al.

Applicants traverse the Examiner's rejection but have amended Claims 90, 92 and 95; and cancelled Claims 93 and 96 in order to expedite prosecution.

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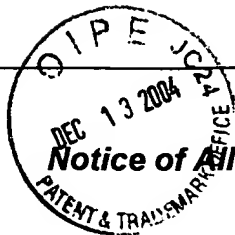
Applicants have amended claims 90, 92 and 95. Applicants have cancelled claims 93, 94, 96 and 97. Claims 90-92, and 95 now remain. In light of the foregoing amendments allowance of all remaining claims is respectfully requested.

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to papers filed 08 July 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 90-92 and 95, renumbered as 1-4.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 21 January 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 7, line 7, "Fig. 1 provides" was replaced with ---Figs. 1A-1C provide---.

On the following pages of the specification, "PHP38" was replaced with ---
PHP28---:

on page 25, line 23; page 42, lines 13 and 22; page 43, Table 9, line 13; and
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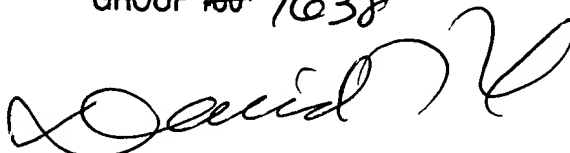
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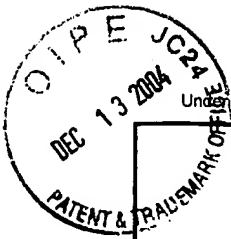
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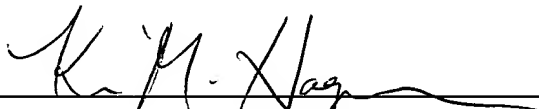
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